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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Report of Meeting at the Library of Congress

Participants: Rutherford B. Rogers, Chief Assistant Librarian,
Library of Congress
John W. Cronin, Director, Processing Department,
Library of Congress
Lewis C. Coffin, Assistant Director, Processing
Department, Library of Congress
[REDACTED] Acting AD/CI, CIA
[REDACTED] CIA Librarian

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1. The purpose of this meeting was to determine Library of Congress reaction to proposal outlined in memo from Acting AD/CI to DE/I, 3 November 1950, approved for action by DE/I. [REDACTED] explained his proposal to utilize PL 480 U.S. owned foreign currency in part for the establishment [REDACTED] of a U.S. Joint Publications Procurement Service. Details of staffing, budget, etc. were left for future discussion and resolution. Although the Library of Congress had made a presentation to the Bureau of the Budget along these lines for an extensive program for Asia, Middle East, etc., there was nothing in this program to conflict.

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2. It was made clear to the Library of Congress that the CIA proposal would in no way interfere with L.C. plans. The CIA proposal is to cover only the acquisition of publications available in Europe. At the most, only 2 or 3 U.S. staff members are envisioned to get this phase of the program rolling. L.C. could add as many as it wanted to handle the other phases of the program: cataloging, indexing, translating, etc. The timing on the [REDACTED] phase is to get an outline proposal prepared by the middle of December, 1950 and to have the operation begin [REDACTED] by March, 1951.

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3. [REDACTED] reported that his proposal has been discussed informally with Mr. Mohrhardt, Librarian, Department of Agriculture, who endorses it. [REDACTED] stated that the State Department will be the next conferee on this proposal.

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4. Messrs. Rogers, Cronin and Coffin endorsed the program as presented by CIA. Mr. Rogers wished to brief Mr. L. Quincy Mumford, the Librarian of Congress on the program and would telephone Mr. Mumford's reaction to [REDACTED]

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Mr. Rogers, L.C., called [REDACTED]. The Library of Congress approves the proposal in principle and has no objection to providing a framework for CIA in its future plans. Active Library of Congress participation fund or personnel-wise is contingent, however, on approval by the U.S. Congress of Library of Congress request for appropriations.

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